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For: Method of Characterization of Biological Entities

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated 8/11/04, please amend the above-identified application as follows: